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HERE COMES...

DAREDEVIL

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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



"THE VERDICT IS
DEATH!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"THE VERDICT IS: **DEATH!**"

NOT MUCH WORK FOR **DAREDEVIL** IN THE CITY TONIGHT! MIGHT AS WELL CHANGE BACK TO **MATT MURDOCK** WHILE THE OFFICE IS DESERTED!

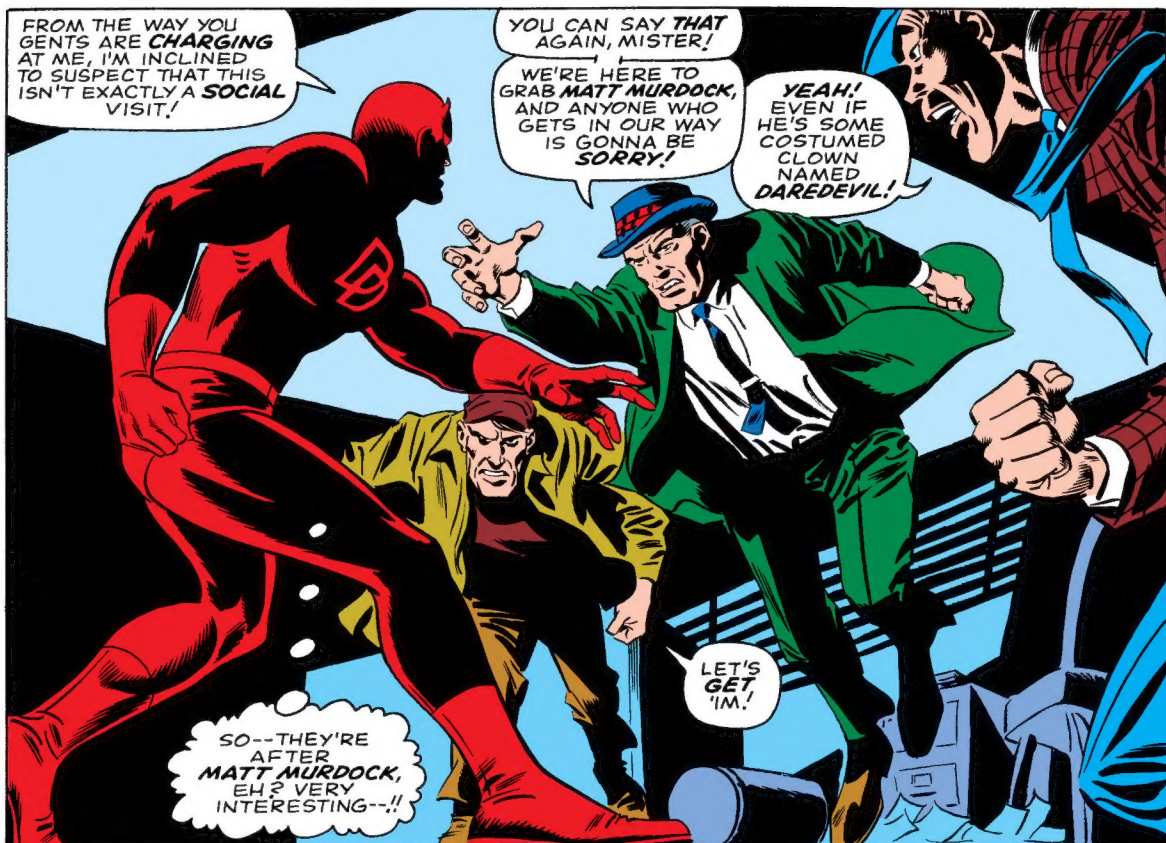
UH OH! THREE **PULSEBEATS** THERE IN THE DARK! LOOKS LIKE THIS WON'T BE A **WASTED** EVENING AFTER ALL!

THE STRANGEST MOST FANTASTIC TRIAL OF ALL TIME! --AND WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHO THE PROSECUTOR IS...!

IT'S **DAREDEVIL!!** WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?

WHAT'S THE **DIFFERENCE?** WE AINT LETTIN' **HIM** INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS!

SCRIPT: **SMILIN' STAN LEE**
PENCILLING: (JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA HAD TO POLISH OFF THE **25¢ SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL** THIS MONTH, SO LOOK WHO GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO PINCH-HIT FOR OL' RING-A-DING THIS ISH:)
GENTLEMAN **GENE COLAN**
INKING: **FEARLESS FRANK GIACOIA**
LETTERING: **ADORABLE ARTIE SIMEK**
BAD-GUY BOOER: **HONEST IRVING FORBUSH**

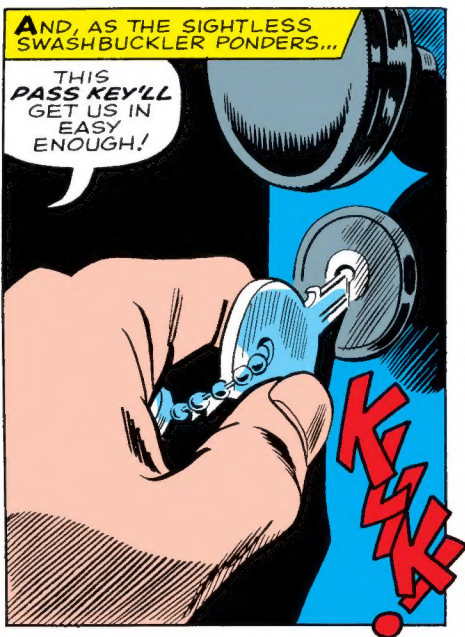






AND, AS THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER PONDER'S...

THIS
PASS KEY'LL
GET US IN
EASY
ENOUGH!



AWRIGHT, MURDOCK---
DON'T MAKE NO SUDDEN
NOISES, AND NOBODY'LL
GIT **HURT**! WE JUST WANNA
TAKE YA FER A LITTLE
TRIP WITH US!

RATS! THE JOINT'S
DESERTED! HE AINT
HERE! NOW WE'LL
HAVETA HANG AROUND
'N **WAIT!**

WHERE IN BLAZES
CAN THAT GUY **BE**,
ANYWAY? I THOUGHT
WE'D HAVE 'IM HALF-
WAY BACK TO THE
BOSS BY NOW!

WELL, NO SENSE
HANGIN' AROUND IN
THE **HALL!** LET'S
GO **IN** BEFORE SOME-
ONE **SEES** US!

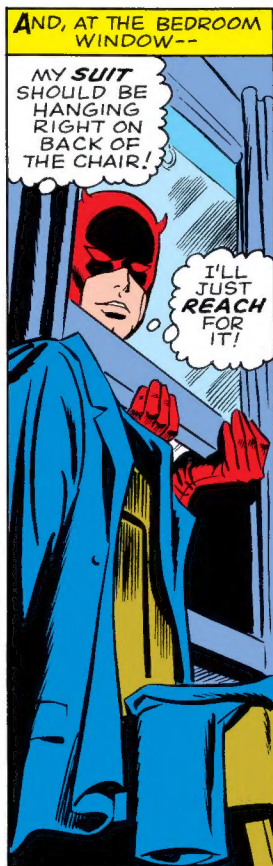
AT LEAST WE
WON'T HAVETA
WORRY ABOUT
BUMPIN' INTO
THAT CRUMMY
DAREDEVIL
AGAIN IN HERE!
I HAD ENOUGH
OF **HIM** TO
LAST ME!

I SURE
WONDER
WHAT HE
WAS DOIN'
IN
MURDOCK'S
OFFICE,
THOUGH!

I HOPE **HE**
AINT AFTER
'IM, TOO!

DUNNO
WHY THE
BOSS SENT
THREE OF
US JUST TO
PICK UP
ONE
HELPLESS
BLIND
LAWYER,
ANYWAY?







SEE? I **TOLDJA** THE BEDROOM WAS EMPTY!

OR, MAYBE HE'S WALTZIN' AROUND ON THE **LEDGE**?

VER-RY FUNNY!



NOW, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS REACH THE **LIVING ROOM** WINDOW BEFORE **THEY** GET THERE!

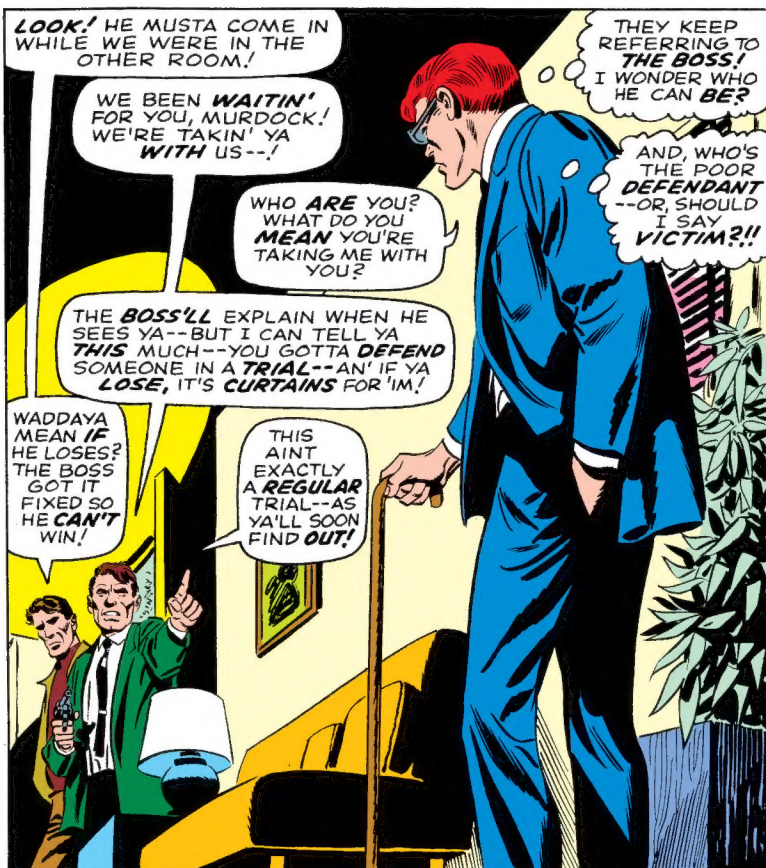
NO **WONDER** MOST SUPER-HEROES ARE SO **HEALTHY--**

THIS BUSINESS SURE KEEPS A FELLA OUT IN THE FRESH AIR!



SO FAR-- SO GOOD--!

NOW TO LEARN WHAT THIS IS REALLY ALL ABOUT!



LOOK! HE MUSTA COME IN WHILE WE WERE IN THE OTHER ROOM!

WE BEEN **WAITIN'** FOR YOU, **MURDOCK!** WE'RE TAKIN' YA **WITH US--!**

WHO **ARE** YOU? WHAT DO YOU **MEAN** YOU'RE TAKING ME WITH YOU?

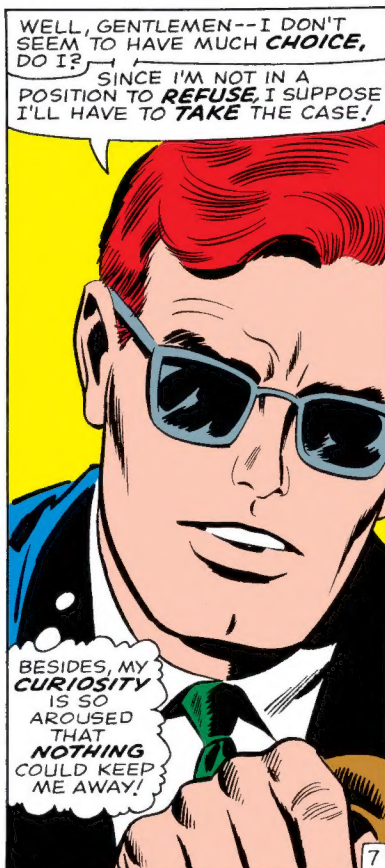
THE **BOSS**'LL EXPLAIN WHEN HE SEES YA--BUT I CAN TELL YA **THIS** MUCH--YOU GOTTA **DEFEND** SOMEONE IN A **TRIAL--AN'** IF YA **LOSE**, IT'S **CURTAINS** FOR 'IM!

WADDAYA MEAN **IF** HE **LOSES**? THE **BOSS** GOT IT FIXED SO HE **CAN'T** WIN!

THIS AINT EXACTLY A **REGULAR** TRIAL--AS YA'LL SOON FIND OUT!

THEY KEEP REFERRING TO **THE BOSS!** I WONDER WHO HE CAN **BE**?

AND, WHO'S THE POOR **DEFENDANT**--OR, SHOULD I SAY **VICTIM?!!**



WELL, GENTLEMEN--I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH **CHOICE**, DO I?

SINCE I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO **REFUSE**, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO **TAKE** THE CASE!

BESIDES, MY **CURIOSITY** IS SO AROUSED THAT **NOTHING** COULD KEEP ME AWAY!

A SHORT TIME LATER, A PRIVATELY CHARTERED PLANE TAKES OFF FOR PARTS UNKNOWN--

WHOEVER THE **BOSS** IS-- HE SURE DOES THINGS IN A BIG WAY!

AND SO BEGINS A JOURNEY TO WHAT IS DESTINED TO BECOME THE MOST INCREDIBLE TRIAL OF MODERN TIMES--!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT MATT MURDOCK'S APARTMENT...

I WONDER WHY THERE'S NO **ANSWER**, KAREN?

THAT'S STRANGE, FOGGY! HIS **DOOR** IS OPEN!

MATT-- ARE YOU **IN** HERE? **MATT?**

THERE'S NO **SIGN** OF HIM!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE **KNEW** WE WERE ALL GOING TO DINNER TONIGHT!

WELL, MAYBE HE'S JUST WORKING LATE AT THE **OFFICE**, KAREN--!

NO! I **CALLED** THE OFFICE BEFORE WE LEFT! THERE WAS-- **NO ANSWER!**

STILL, THERE'S NO CAUSE TO **WORRY!** AFTER ALL, MATT MURDOCK'S A **BIG BOY**--!

IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO **SAY** THAT, FOGGY--

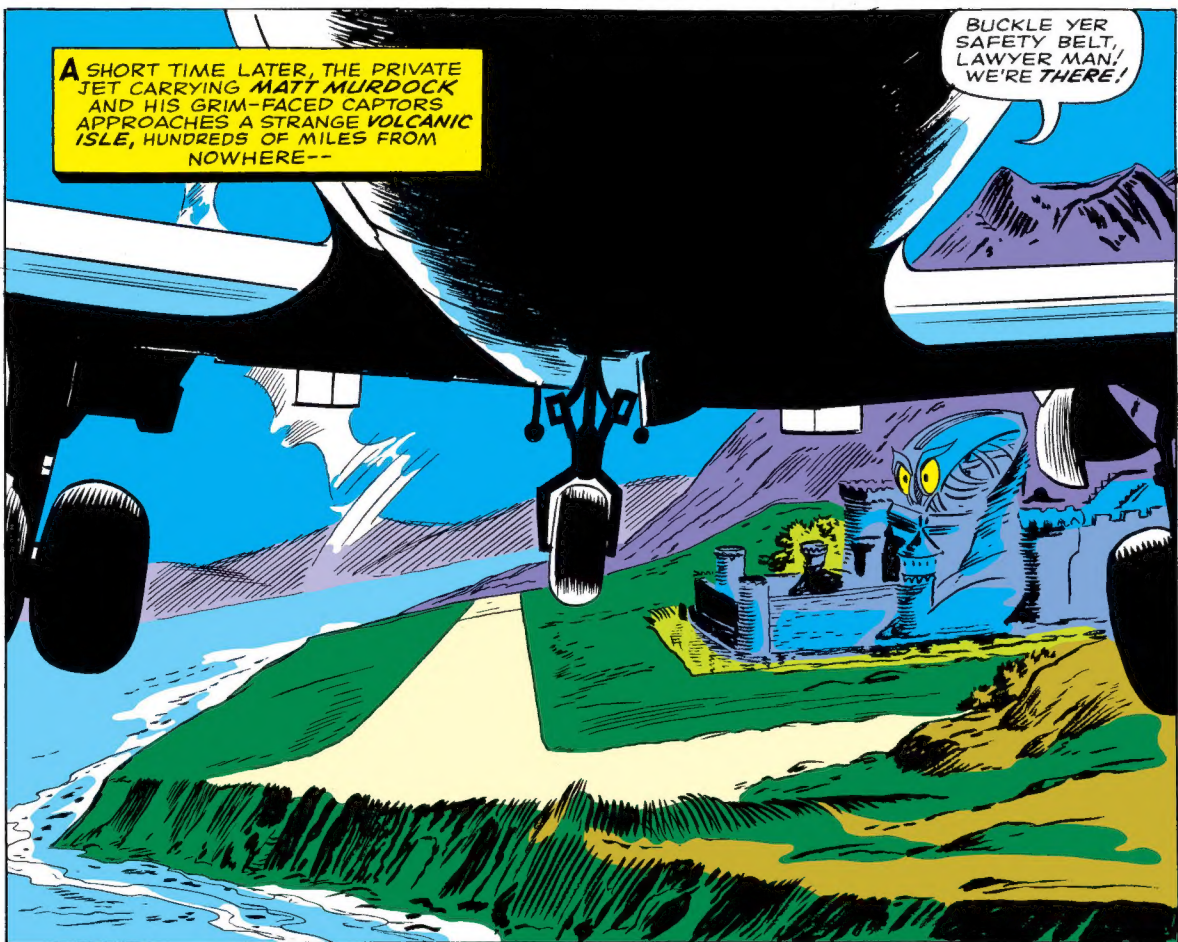
BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING **ONE** THING--!

THAT **BIG BOY** YOU'RE REFERRING TO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE--**BLIND!**

IF ONLY I KNEW HOW MUCH OF HER FEELING FOR HIM IS **SYMPATHY**-- AND HOW MUCH IS SOMETHING FAR--**DEEPER!**

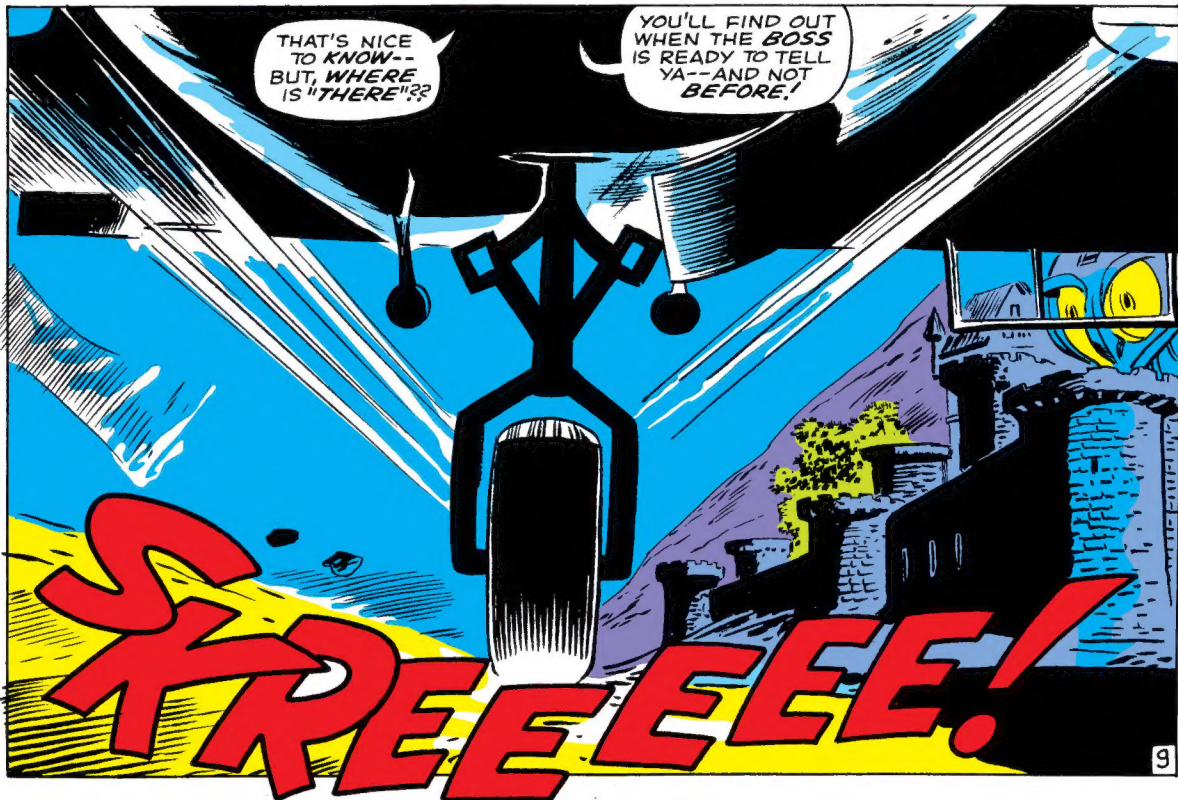
A SHORT TIME LATER, THE PRIVATE JET CARRYING **MATT MURDOCK** AND HIS GRIM-FACED CAPTORS APPROACHES A STRANGE VOLCANIC ISLE, HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM NOWHERE--

BUCKLE YER SAFETY BELT, LAWYER MAN! WE'RE *THERE!*



THAT'S NICE TO KNOW-- BUT, *WHERE* IS "THERE"??

YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE *BOSS* IS READY TO TELL YA-- AND NOT BEFORE!



THEN, SECONDS
LATER...



IT'S SOME SORT OF ISLAND!
I CAN HEAR THE WAVES
LAPPING AT THE SHORE ALL
ABOUT ME!

AND MY RADAR SENSE HAS
PICKED UP THE SHAPE OF A
CASTLE-LIKE STRUCTURE
WHICH DOMINATES THE
ENTIRE ISLE!

WHOEVER
THE SO-CALLED
BOSS IS, I
SHOULD BE
LEARNING HIS
IDENTITY ANY
MINUTE NOW!

AWRIGHT,
MURDOCK--
KEEP WALKIN'!
THE BOSS
DON'T LIKE
FOR NO ONE
TO KEEP 'IM
WAITIN'!

AND, ANOTHER
THING I HAVE
TO FIND OUT IS--
WHO CAN THE
PRISONER BE??
--AND WHAT HAS
HE DONE?

AND, SPEAKING OF THE BOSS,
AT A WINDOW HIGH ATOP THE
CASTLE WE FIND--



HE'S
HERE!

NOW NOTHING
CAN DELAY
THE TRIAL!

THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST TRIUMPH
OF ALL, FOR-- THE OWL!

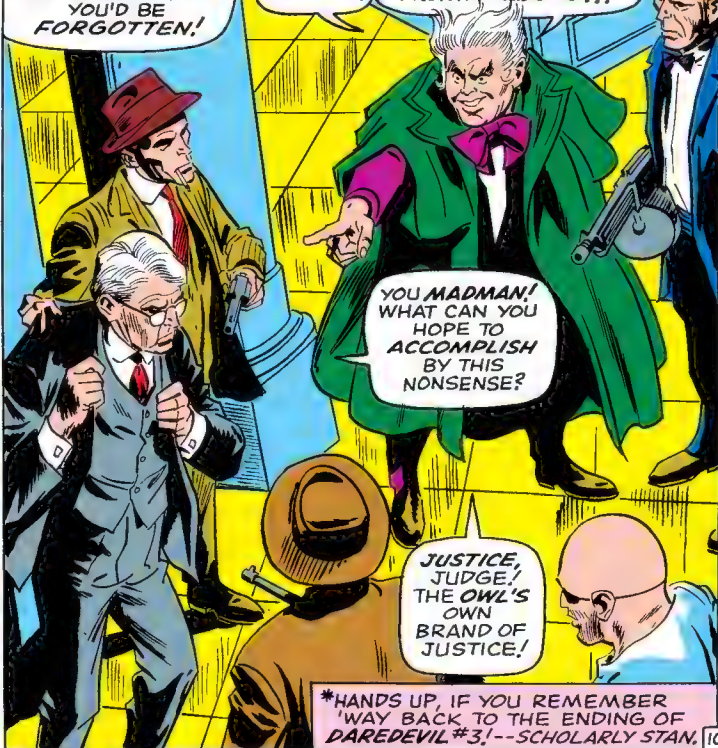


AND NOW--
BRING
FORTH THE
PRISONER!

AH! JUDGE LEWIS!
YOU THOUGHT WHEN
YOU WENT INTO
RETIREMENT THAT
YOU'D BE
FORGOTTEN!

BUT, THE
OWL
NEVER
FORGETS!

HOW COULD I FORGET THE
JUDGE WHO HAD SENTENCED
ME TO PRISON AFTER
THE POLICE CAUGHT ME
DURING MY ESCAPE
FROM DAREDEVIL??!



YOU MADMAN!
WHAT CAN YOU
HOPE TO
ACCOMPLISH
BY THIS
NONSENSE?

JUSTICE,
JUDGE!
THE OWL'S
OWN
BRAND OF
JUSTICE!

*HANDS UP, IF YOU REMEMBER
'WAY BACK TO THE ENDING OF
DAREDEVIL #3!--SCHOLARLY STAN, 10



I DON'T GET IT, OWL! WHY BOTHER WITH A TRIAL?

WHY NOT JUST FINISH 'IM OFF NOW?

WE ALL KNOW WHAT THE VERDICT'LL BE--SO WHY WASTE THE TIME?



NO MORE SNIVELLING LACKEY QUESTIONS THE OWL!

I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR MY REVENGE--AND I WILL NOT BE DENIED!

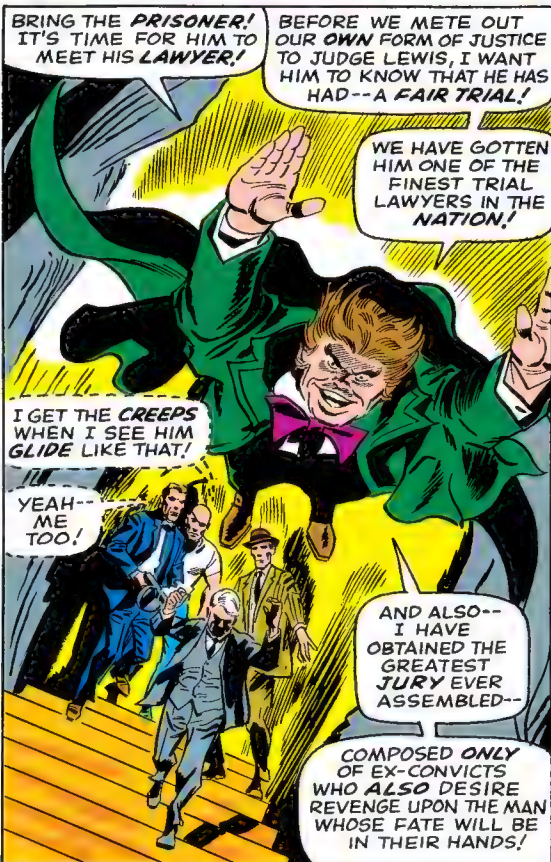
UNNNHHH!



I-I'M SORRY BOSS! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM! HONEST--!

SILENCE! APOLOGIES ARE FOR WEAKINGS! THE MATTER IS CLOSED!

AND NOW, WE MUSTN'T KEEP OUR GUEST WAITING!



BRING THE PRISONER! IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO MEET HIS LAWYER!

BEFORE WE METE OUT OUR OWN FORM OF JUSTICE TO JUDGE LEWIS, I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT HE HAS HAD--A FAIR TRIAL!

WE HAVE GOTTEN HIM ONE OF THE FINEST TRIAL LAWYERS IN THE NATION!

I GET THE CREEPS WHEN I SEE HIM GLIDE LIKE THAT!

YEAH--ME TOO!

AND ALSO--I HAVE OBTAINED THE GREATEST JURY EVER ASSEMBLED--

COMPOSED ONLY OF EX-CONVICTS WHO ALSO DESIRE REVENGE UPON THE MAN WHOSE FATE WILL BE IN THEIR HANDS!



AND, OUTSIDE THE GRIM, GREY CASTLE WALLS--REALIZING FULL WELL THAT HE HAS ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE PLACED INTO ONE OF THE MOST DEADLY TRAPS EVER DEvised, THE SIGHTLESS MATT MURDOCK APPROACHES THE MASSIVE ENTRANCE DOOR WITHOUT HESITATION--

I DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROPHET TO KNOW THAT I'M ABOUT TO TAKE A HAND IN A FATAL GAME--WHERE THE STAKES ARE LIFE AND DEATH!

BUT, NO MATTER WHAT DANGER AWAITS MATT MURDOCK, DAREDEVIL WILL BE THERE TO SEE HIM THRU!

SECONDS LATER, AS HE IS GUIDED INTO A HUGE, DANK, BARONIAL CHAMBER WITHIN THE MOLDY, CENTURIES-OLD, DECAYING CASTLE, THE FEARLESS ATTORNEY INSTANTLY REALIZES THE **IDENTITY** OF HIS STRANGE, SINISTERLY-SMIRKING CAPTOR--!

THAT ERRATIC **HEARTBEAT**--THE ODOR OF A MUSTY **AERIE** FILLING THE AIR--THE HIGH-PITCHED, BIRD-LIKE **WHEEZE** IN HIS BREATHING--

--IT CAN ONLY BE--
THE OWL!

THAT **VOICE!** I'D KNOW IT **ANYWHERE!** IT'S HIS HONOR, **JUDGE LEWIS!**

SURELY HE CAN'T BE THE PRISONER WHOM I'M SUPPOSED TO DEFEND!

DON'T MAKE **BOOK** ON THAT, **LAWYER MAN!**

OKAY, BOSS--HERE'S THE **MOUThPIECE!** NOW WE CAN DO EVERYTHING REAL NICE 'N **LEGAL** LIKE YA SAID!

COME IN, **MURDOCK--** COME IN!

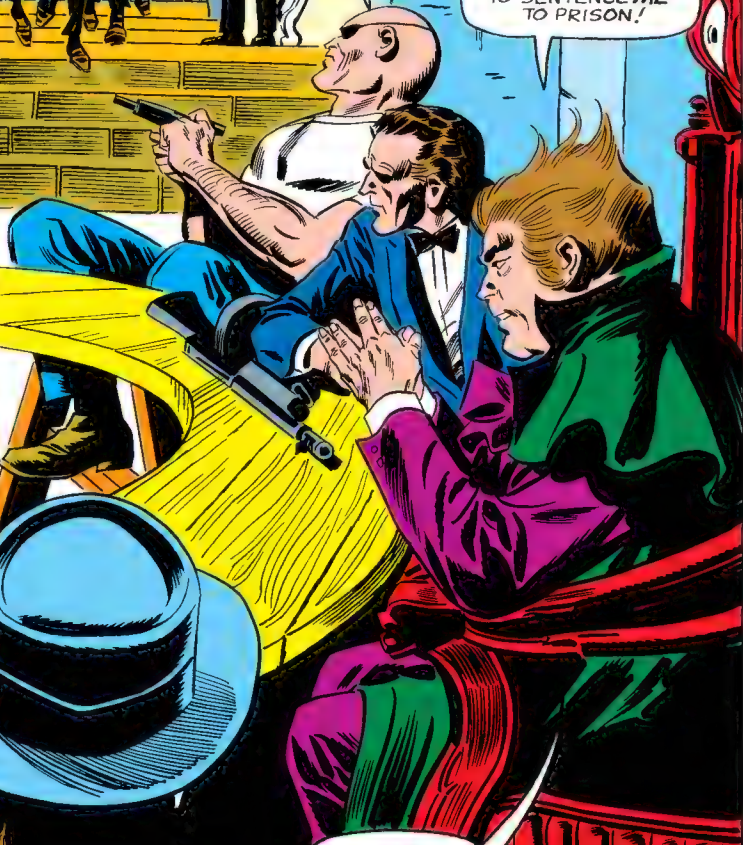
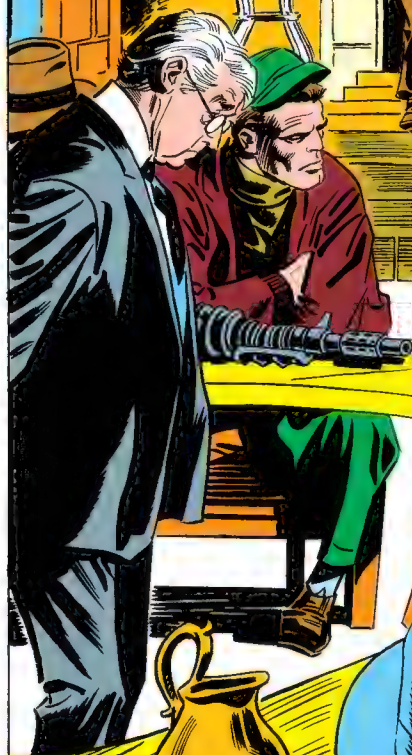
THE OMNIVOROUS **OWL** WELCOMES YOU TO HIS **COURTROOM!**

YOUR CLIENT IS **EX-JUDGE LEWIS**, WHO STANDS ACCUSED OF DARING TO SENTENCE ME TO PRISON!

KEEP WALKIN', **MURDOCK!** THE **JUDGE 'N** THE **GENTS** OF THE **JURY** ARE ALL WAITIN' ON YA!

MATTHEW MURDOCK!

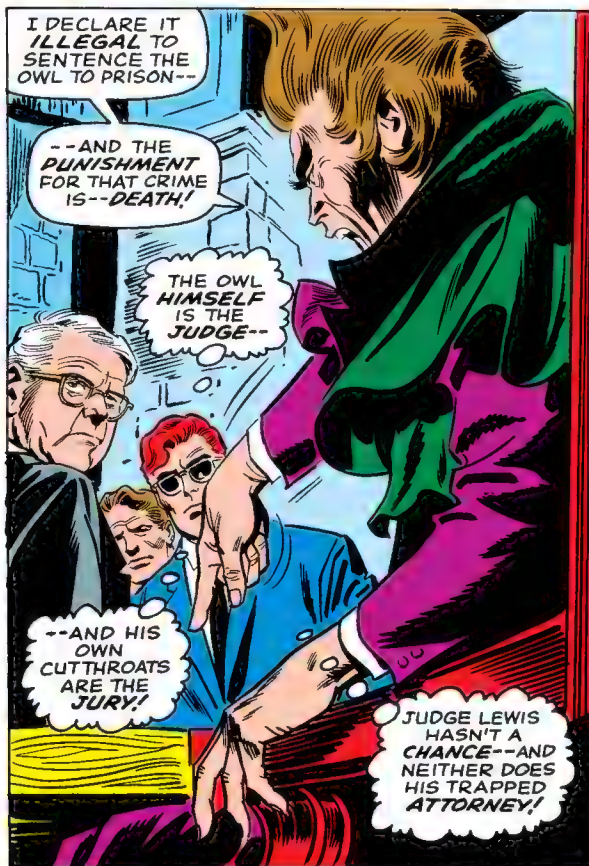
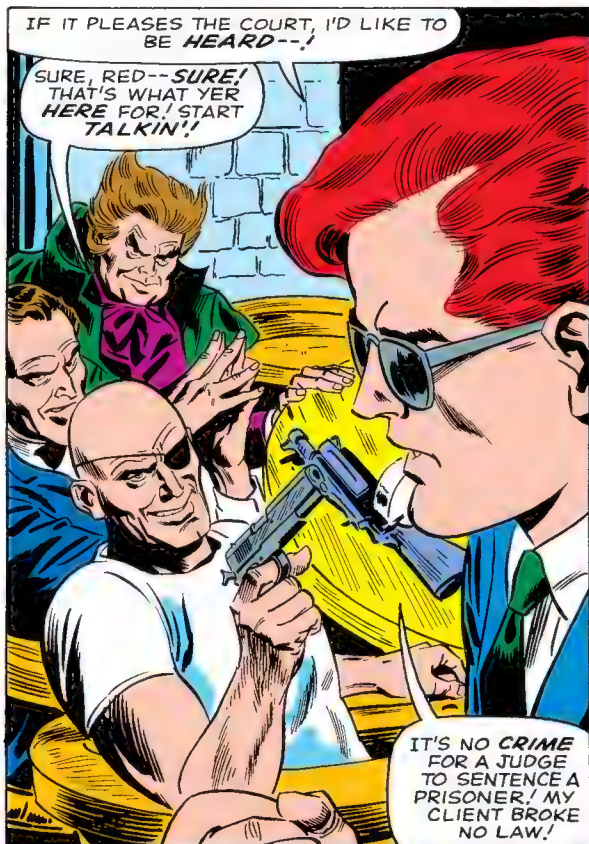
SO! TO LEND **PIGNITY** TO THIS FARCE, YOU'VE EVEN CAPTURED THE MOST TALENTED **TRIAL LAWYER** OF OUR DAY!

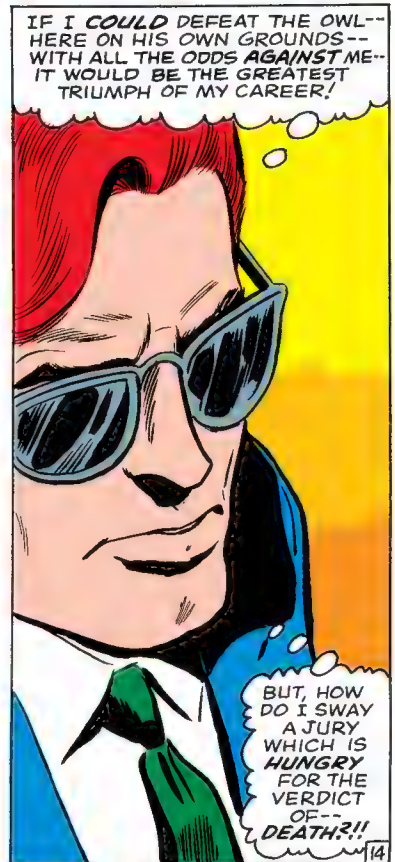
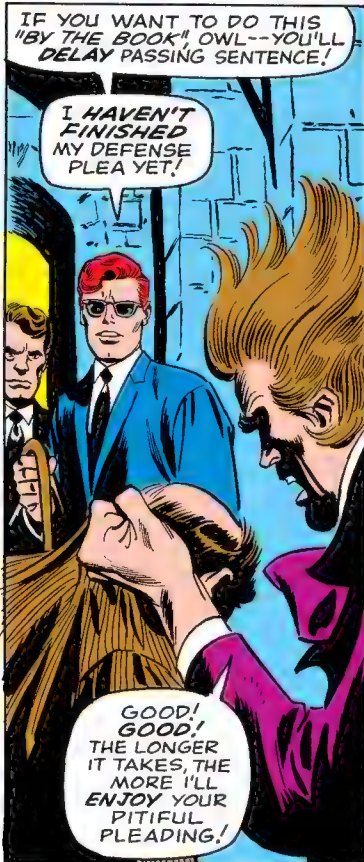
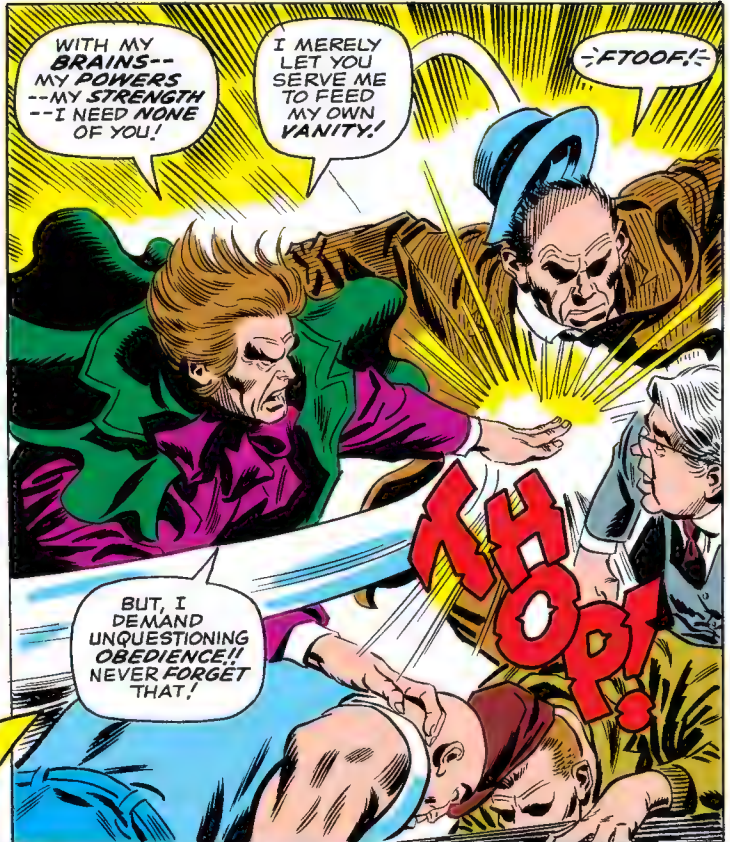


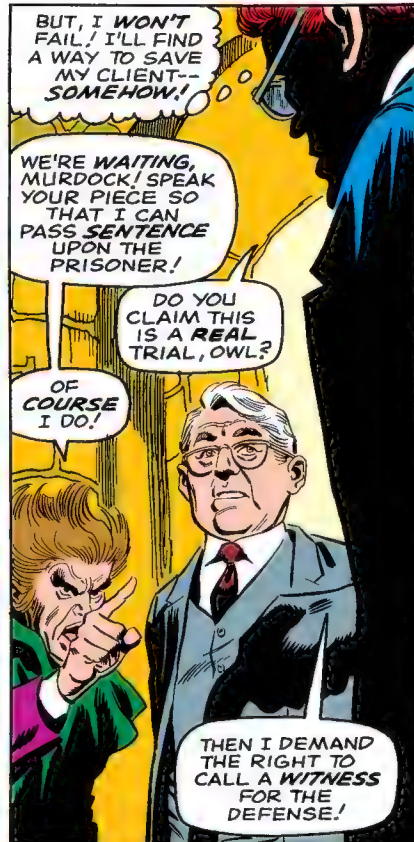
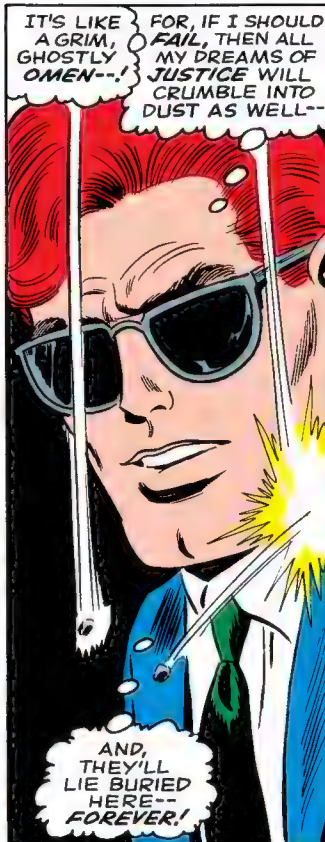
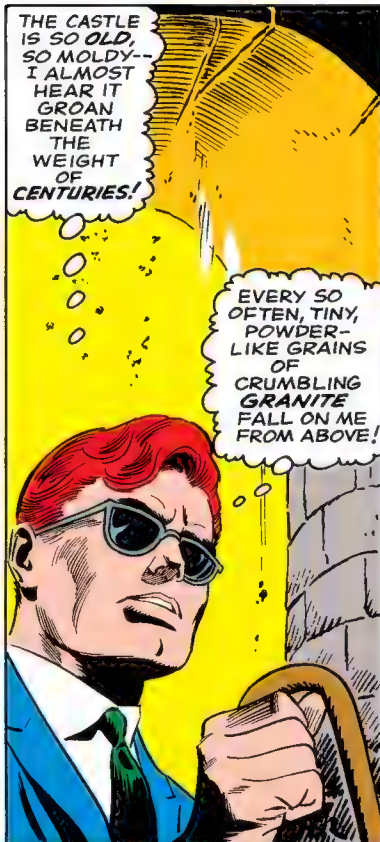
WHAT'LL WE DO WITH **MURDOCK** AFTER WE FIND THE **JUDGE GUILTY, OWL?**

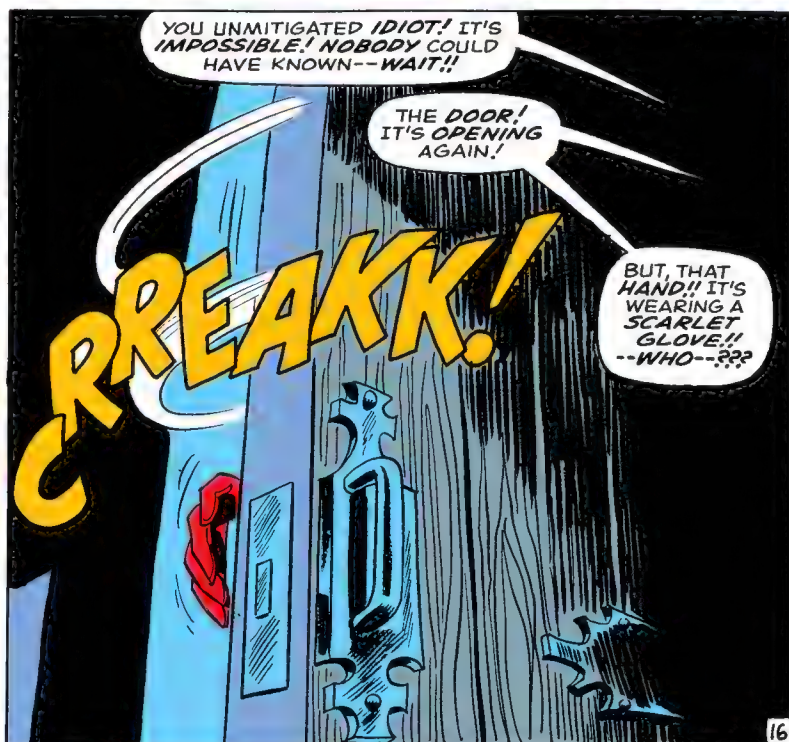
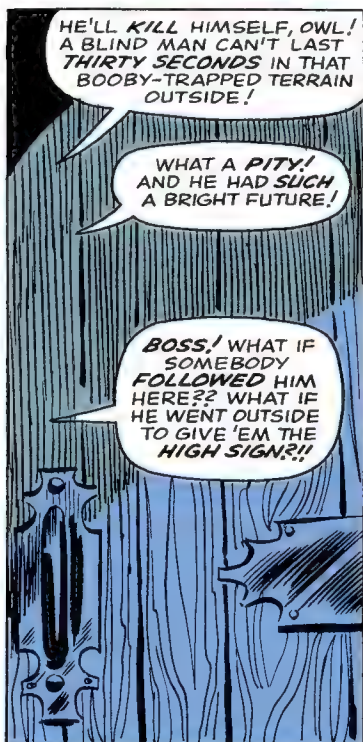
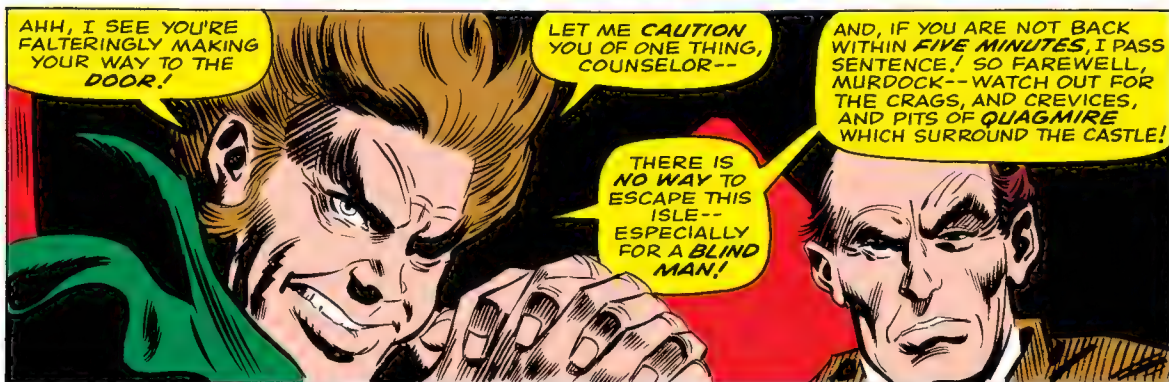
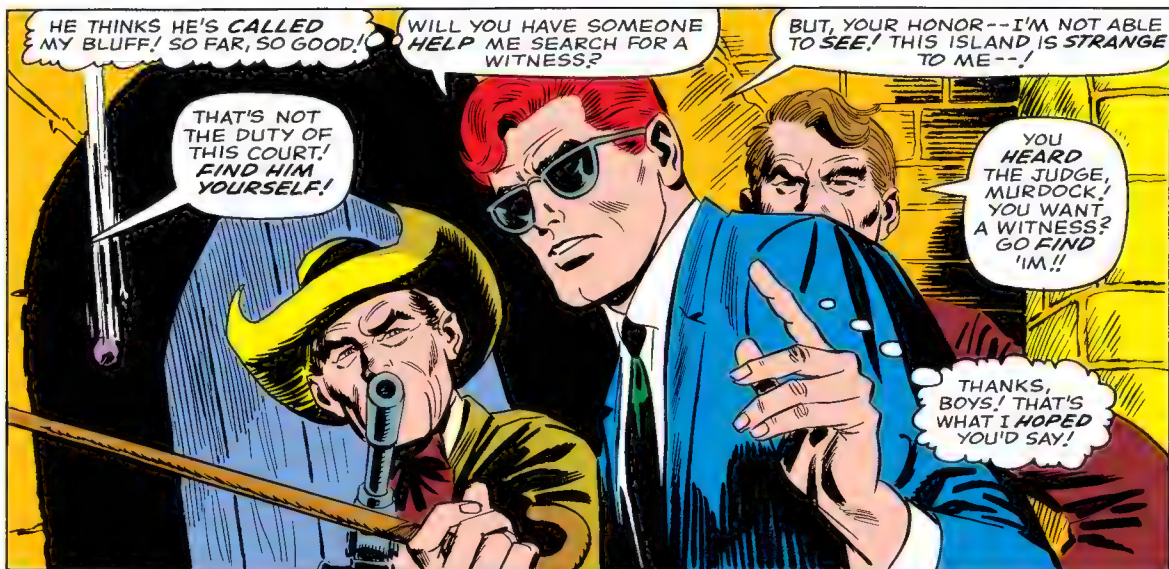
LET'S NOT DISCUSS SUCH **SORDID** MATTERS NOW!

AFTER ALL, IF **MURDOCK** IS **FRIGHTENED**, HE MAY NOT BE AT HIS **BEST** WHILE PLEADING FOR HIS CLIENT!









I THOUGHT MURDOCK
WOULD **NEVER** GIVE
ME THE SIGNAL! I
WAS BEGINNING TO
GROW **IMPATIENT**
OUT THERE!

AND, YOU
NEEDN'T **WORRY**
ABOUT THE
SIGHTLESS
ATTORNEY,
GENTLEMEN--I
MADE HIM
COMFORTABLE
IN A SAFE PLACE
OUTSIDE!

SO NOW, I CAN
GIVE YOU MY
TESTIMONY--
UNDISTURBED!
AND, I'LL PRESENT
IT IN THE ONLY
WAY YOU CRIME-
HAPPY CRUMBS
CAN **UNDERSTAND**--

--WITH THE
FUN-FILLED
FISTS OF
EVERYBODY'S
FAVORITE
MAN
WITHOUT
FEAR--!

IT'S
DAREDEVIL!!
IT--IT ISN'T
POSSIBLE--
BUT--IT'S
HIM!!

I KINDA **ENVY**
YOU FELLAS! YOU
DON'T SEE A
DARINGLY
DRAMATIC SIGHT
LIKE **ME** COMING
YOUR WAY VERY
OFTEN!

SO, ENJOY
IT, BOYS--
WHILE YOU
CAN!

